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Attorney Docket No. 052593-5003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Noriaki HIRAGA)	
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Application No.: 09/625,643)	Group Art Unit: 2836
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Filed: July 25, 2000)	Examiner: Z. Kitov
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED)	
CIRCUIT DEVICE WITH)	
ENHANCED RESISTANCE TO)	
ELECTROSTATIC BREAKDOWN)	

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b). Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits.

In addition, this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was first cited in a Japanese Office Action by the Japanese Patent Office dated September 17, 2002 in a counterpart foreign patent application. A copy of this Japanese Office Action (with part of translation thereof) from the Japanese Patent Office is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

JP 08-037238, JP 07-022617, JP 02-192760, and JP 11-505374 are in languages other than English. The relevance of the first three Japanese documents can be understood by the attached English language abstract. The relevance of JP 11-505374 can be understood by its priority document US Patent Application No. 08/439,929.

A copy of each document listed on the PTO Form 1449 is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents is material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents does not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

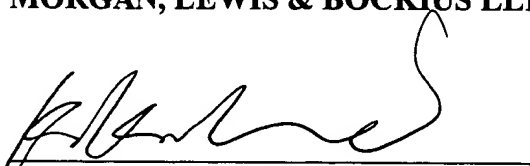
EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit

Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	JP 08-037238	06/02/1996	Japan			YES	NO
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	JP 02-192760	30/07/1990	Japan			Abst.	
	JP 11-505374	18/05/1999	Japan			See USSN 08/439,929	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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